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The application of:

Barry N. GARDINER et al.

Serial No.: 08/781,579

Filing Date: January 9, 1997

For: SUTURED STAPLE SURGICAL
FASTENERS, INSTRUMENTS AND
METHODS FOR MINIMALLY
INVASIVE VASCULAR AND
ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

Examiner: Tina T.D. Pham

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 1999 in the above-referenced patent application:

- ☒ No additional Claim fee is required.
- ☒ Other enclosures: Return receipt postcard.

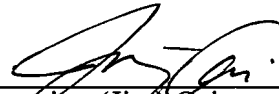
The fee (if any) has been calculated as follows:

FOR	CLAIMS ON FILE AFTER THIS AMENDMENT MINUS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS	38-66	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	11-18	0	x \$78.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if not previously paid for and presented for the first time) *			+ \$260.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$0.00
SUB TOTAL =				\$0.00
Petition for Extension of Time				\$435.00
TOTAL =				\$435.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$435.00 is attached.
- ☐ Please charge \$435.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket
no. 388402000900.
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees
under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and
associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-
1952 referencing docket no. 388402000900.

Respectfully submitted,

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